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17 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
18 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

19 **CHRISTOPHER GULLO,**

21 Plaintiff,

22 v.

23 **EXPERIAN INFORMATION**
24 **SOLUTIONS, INC., and COAST**
25 **TO COAST FINANCIAL**
26 **SOLUTIONS, INC.,**

27 Defendant.

Case No.: 2:16-cv-547-APG-CWH

**ORDER GRANTING
DEFAULT JUDGMENT IN FAVOR
OF PLAINTIFF AGAINST COAST
TO COAST FINANCIAL
SOLUTIONS, INC.**

1 Pending before the Court is Plaintiff's Application for Entry of Default
2 Judgment. Plaintiff submitted an application for entry of default against Defendant
3 Coast to Coast Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Defendant") on April 27, 2016. [Dkt. No.
4 10]. The Clerk of Court entered default against Defendant on April 28, 2016. [Dkt.
5 No. 11]. After entry of a default, a court may grant a default judgment on the merits
6 of the case. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(b).
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9 On December 7, 2016, Plaintiff filed a motion for default judgment seeking
10 \$1,000.00 in statutory damages, \$4,524.75 in attorney's fees and \$443.00 in costs
11 for violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act ("FCRA"). Based on the declaration
12 of Plaintiff and counsel supporting the facts alleged in this matter, the full \$1,000 in
13 statutory damages to be awarded to Plaintiff is reasonable.
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15 Plaintiff's counsel seeks two hourly rates. Danny J. Horen, Esq.,
16 Owner/Operator of Spartan Law, LLC seeks an hourly rate of \$295.00, and given
17 the his position, training, experience, and skill level, the Court concludes that the
18 hourly rate charged is reasonable and consistent with the prevailing market rate in
19 the area for lawyers of his skill level. Tara Newberry, Esq., Partner at Connaghan
20 Newberry Law Firm, seeks an hourly rate of \$485.00, and give her position,
21 experience, training, and skill level, the Court concludes that the hourly rate
22 charged is reasonable and consistent with the prevailing market rate in the are for
23 lawyer of her skill level.
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28 Further, the amount of billable time spent prosecuting this matter, 14.05


1 hours, is reasonable.

2 **IT IS ORDERED** that Plaintiff's Motion for Entry of Default
3 Judgment against Coast to Coast Financial Solutions, Inc. is GRANTED.

4 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiff is awarded his full
5 statutory damages of \$1,000.

6 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Plaintiff's counsel is awarded
7 attorney's fees in the amount of \$4,524.75 and costs in the amount of
8 \$443.00.

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12 Date: January 6, 2017



13 Hon. Andrew P. Gordon
14 U.S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
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